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**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING
February 13, 2006
CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER**

Selectmen Present: Alton Grover, Kim Young, Peter Haviland, David Glidden, and Randy Robbins.
Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant #102 & #103

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM. Peter Haviland motioned, Kim Young seconded, to approve the January 9, 2006 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Changes to the Agenda

Chairman Alton Grover read a resignation letter from Assessment Review Board member Curtis Young. The Board accepted the letter and will look into finding a replacement.

Selectman Peter Haviland informed the Board that he had contacted Ann Aaron and asked her to reconsider her resignation from the Ordinance Committee but she declined. The Board accepted her letter of resignation from the Ordinance Committee.

The Board asked Chet Knowles if he would post on the Cushing E-mail the following committee openings: One member each for the Assessment Review Board and the Ordinance Committee, and at least two alternates to the Appeals Board.

Chairman Alton Grover read a letter from Cushing Holding, LLC, asking the Board of Selectmen to reconsider its previous actions. It is Mr. Towers' opinion that the Town is paying two additional attorneys to defend an error committed by its first attorney and all three are from the same law firm. He feels that this is a wasteful expenditure of taxpayer funds.

Selectman David Glidden motioned, Kim Young seconded, to refer the letter to the Towns' Attorney Greg Cunningham, to get his opinion, and review it at the next scheduled meeting. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Old Business

- Health Officer- Chairman Alton Grover reported that he had contacted MMA and received approval for Physician's Assistant Nancy Beckett to be the Towns' Health Officer. He will contact Nancy to make sure she is still interested and have her appointed at the next scheduled meeting.

The Board presented Town Clerk Lisa Young a true copy of an ordinance entitled "Ordinance to Regulate Automobile Graveyards, Automobile Recycling Businesses and Junkyards in the Town of Cushing, Maine" to be acted upon by the voters at the town meeting Monday March 20, 2006.

Chairman Alton Grover announced that there will be a Public Hearing Monday, February 27, 2006 at 6:00pm to get public input on the following ordinances: Ordinance to Regulate Automobile Graveyards, Automobile Recycling Businesses and Junkyards in the Town of Cushing, Maine, to amend the Georges River Regional Shellfish Management Ordinance, and the Floodplain Management Ordinance.

Ordinance Committee member Cyrus Holmes urged the Selectmen to include the Cushing Building Ordinance, which he and Ann Aaron had worked on before the Ordinance Committee was established, to the town warrant. He noted that at this time the committee is still working on their by-laws and have not had the time to review it. David Glidden motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to add the Cushing Building Ordinance as an article to the 2006 town warrant and to include it in the Public Hearing to be held on February 27, 2006. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

New Business

Chairman Alton Grover read a letter from Library Director Glennis James requesting approval to move a bench, that was donated in memory of Marian McAllister, from the Food Pantry to either inside the Community Center or outside near the library, to seek approval of putting up a permanent sign so people would know where the library is, and to have a book drop outside near the library door. After much discussion the Board approved moving the bench outside near a wooden bench that is already there, to place a sign on the outside wall of the gym so people will know where the library is, and Joe Smith Chairman of the Building and Property Committee will look into the book drop along with Glennis James.

Chairman Alton Grover read a letter from Sealer of Weights and Measures Neil Gibbs announcing his retirement as of April 1, 2006. The board will search for someone to take his place.

Selectman David Glidden motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to move and accept the Cushing Buildings and Properties Committee By-Laws. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Selectman David Glidden motioned, Kim Young seconded, to set the threshold for fixed assets to five thousand dollars. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Selectman David Glidden motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to accept the Maine Assessment and Appraisal contract. The motion passed

Board Approved 5-0

The Friends of Cushing Rescue Squad requested approval to have a bake sale at the Town Meeting on March 21, 2006 at the Cushing Community Center. Selectman Randy Robbins motioned, Kim Young seconded, to allow the bake sale at the town meeting but asked for the table to be set up in the meeting room not in the hall. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Buildings and Property Committee Chairman Joe Smith asked about a security system for the fire station. He noted that if one was in place insurance premiums may be reduced. David Glidden noted at this time there is no money budgeted for it.

Alton Grover motioned, David Glidden seconded, to go into executive session for personnel matter 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss Personnel Matters at 7:40 pm.

At 8:10 the Board returned to the regular scheduled meeting.

David Glidden motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to investigate personnel allegations. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Selectman David Glidden motioned, Kim Young seconded, that the Board choose two members to conduct the investigation. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Selectman David Glidden motioned, Alton Grover seconded, to nominate Kim Young to be one member of the investigation team. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded, to nominate David Glidden to be the second member of the investigation team. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Selectman David Glidden motioned, Kim Young seconded, that the Board purchase the three Trio computer modules; Budgetary, Cash Receipting, and Clerk presented before tonight's meeting. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Young
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk

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